

Welcome to Worship
October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry
and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done and things we have
failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your
Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

AMEN.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have
been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

AMEN.

*GATHERING SONG

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of strength,

**In David you chose a king with a big heart. Create clean and
willing hearts in us, and choose us to do your work. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
CHILDREN'S SONG

LESSON

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51: 10-14 *(read responsively)*

**¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

**¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.**

¹³ Then I will teach your ways to rebels,
and they will return to you.

**14 Forgive me for shedding blood, O God
who saves;
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.**

*Stand as you are able

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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* GOSPEL

Matthew 26: 6-13

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

*MESSAGE

What's That Smell?!
Rev. Carol George

*HYMN

Change My Heart, O God *ELW 801*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stand, sit, or kneel as you are able

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

OFFERING

*OFFERING RESPONSE

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of creation, you provide for our every need. As we gather blessings from your hands, give us faith to open our hands as well, that we may retain no more than we need so that all your children may suffer no shortage.

Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

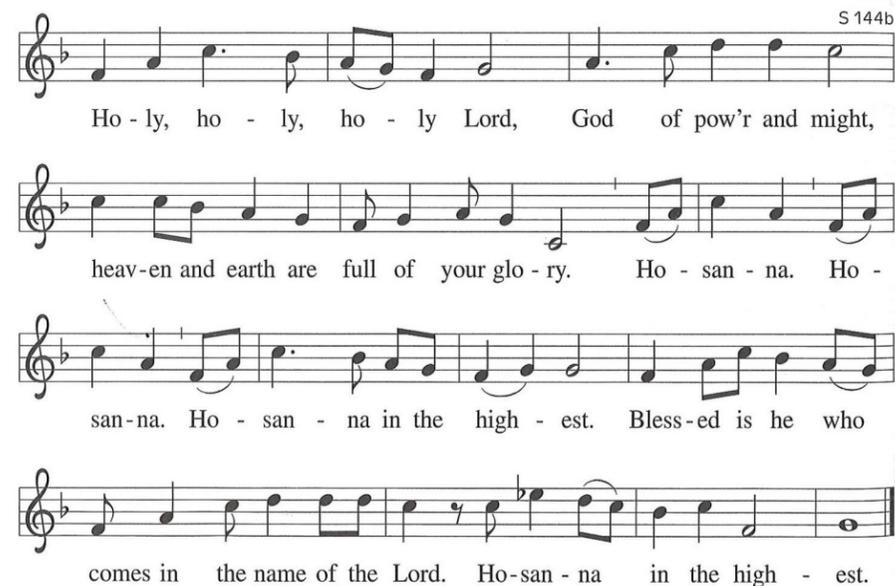
The Lord be with you,. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn...

S 144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

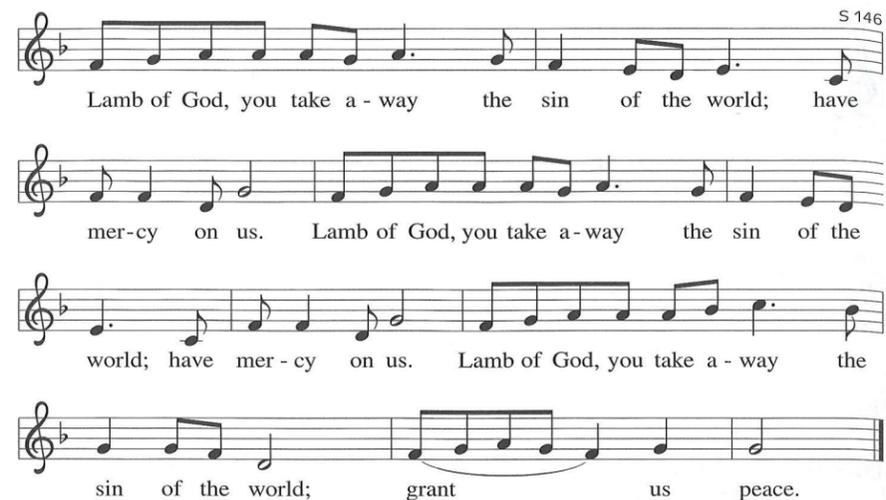
C/Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

S 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

There are times, O God, when we realize that you have been with us and we did not know it. We give you thanks for your promise that we will always find you in this place when we share together with all of your creation the bread and wine of this holy supper, and we ask that you walk with us now and always. Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW 805

*VISION STATEMENT

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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REFLECTION

Last week we heard God calling to the child Samuel.

Samuel grew up to be a trustworthy prophet who revealed God's word to the people, and so the people began to recognize that they needed a more formal leader. They asked for a king. Samuel reminded them that God was their king, and a human king would inevitably go wrong, but they insisted, and God agreed, anointing Saul as the first king of Israel. Saul was head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the country, and he was handsome and charismatic.

Unfortunately, he also chose political expediency over faithfulness to God's way, and when waiting for God and Samuel to give their blessing in the midst of a military situation became too difficult, he took matters into his own hands. As a result, Samuel told him that God would choose another king to take his place. We pick up the story today in 1st Samuel chapter 16, when Saul is still on the throne but has just heard from God that his days as king are numbered.

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